

A SAFER WAY TO DISPOSE OF YOUR SYRINGES AND LANCETS

Label an empty two liter “pop” bottle with a FREE pre-made warning sticker available from the Benton-Franklin District Health Department, Environmental Health Division.



WARNING: SYRINGES

Keep out of the reach of children!

DO NOT HANDLE

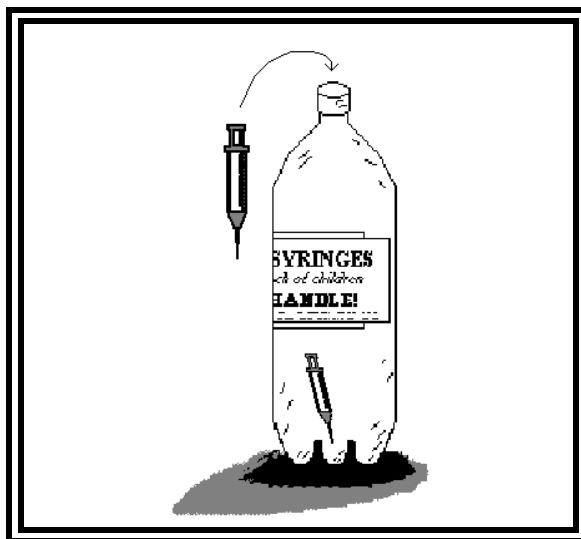
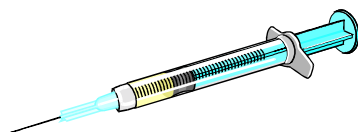


LABEL: Wrap label around empty two liter plastic pop bottle.
STORE: Carefully put each of your used capped syringes into the bottle.
SEAL: When bottle is full, put tape over the closed bottle cap.
DISPOSE: Dispose of the bottle in your household trash on the scheduled day of collection.



Contact the Benton-Franklin District Health Department Environmental Health Office at 1-800-814-4323 or 509-582-7761 for restrictions on this disposal option.

This bright orange biohazard sticker alerts people to the presence of syringes and warns against handling. The sticker includes directions on how to store, seal and dispose of your used syringes.



Store: Carefully put each of your used syringes and lancets into the bottle.

Seal: Put tape over the closed bottle cap when the bottle is full.

Your syringes and lancets will now be contained in a manner that protects people from needle sticks and is unlikely to break open on its way to the landfill.

Safe Disposal: Dispose of the bottle in your household trash on the scheduled day of collection.

The bottle should be placed in the trash as close to the collection time as possible in order to limit exposure time to other people and animals.

If disposing in this manner is a concern, contact your waste collection company and arrange to drop off your container free of charge.



OTHER IDEAS

Return to Participating Pharmacy

Find a pharmacy participating in a needle return program. Get a red commercial “sharps” container, and bring it back to the pharmacy when it is filled with your used syringes.

DO NOT put the red commercial “sharps” containers into your household trash. They will shatter in the collection truck and expose people to loose syringes.

Return to Your Physician

Ask your physician if he/she will take your used "containerized" syringes for disposal.

Deliver to a Disposal Site

Call the Benton-Franklin District Health Department, Environmental Health Division for information about syringe disposal at landfills or solid waste transfer stations in your area.

Benton-Franklin
District Health Department
Environmental Health
800 W. Canal Drive
Kennewick, WA 99336
509-582-7761 Ext. 246

*Syringe and lancet warning
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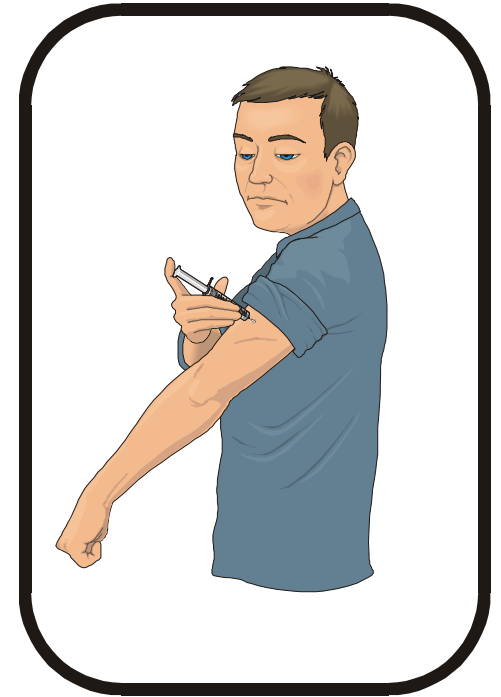
SYRINGE DISPOSAL RESTRICTIONS

This brochure has outlined some practical ways for you to dispose of your used syringes in a safe manner. However, in certain parts of the state, some methods may not be allowed.

Residents of other counties should contact the environmental health division of their local health department for information on syringe disposal restrictions.

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SYRINGE SAFETY



**A GUIDE TO SYRINGE AND LANCET
DISPOSAL AT HOME**



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